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Claim	Claim status as of Amendment of 11/9/05	Examiner's Amendment of 2/21/06	Claims Allowed Notice of Allowability 2/21/06
1	<b>Cancelled</b>	—	—
2	Withdrawn	Rejoined	Allowed
3	Withdrawn	<b>Cancelled</b>	—
4	Active prosecution	—	Allowed
5	Withdrawn	<b>Cancelled</b>	—
6-26	<b>Cancelled</b>	—	—
27	Withdrawn	Rejoined	<i>Not Properly Acknowledged as Allowed</i>
28	Withdrawn	Rejoined	Allowed
29	Withdrawn	Rejoined	Allowed
30-31	<b>Cancelled</b>	—	—
32	Active prosecution		Allowed
33	Active prosecution		Allowed
34	Active prosecution		Allowed
35	Withdrawn	Rejoined	Allowed
36	Active prosecution		<i>Not Properly Acknowledged as Allowed</i>
37	Active prosecution	Rejoined	Allowed
38	Withdrawn	<b>Cancelled</b>	—
39	Withdrawn	<b>Cancelled</b>	—
40	Withdrawn	<b>Cancelled</b>	—

Thus, as shown in the table above, as of Applicants' amendment dated November 9, 2005, claims 2-5, 27-29, 32-40 were pending with claims 4, 32-34, 36 and 37 under active prosecution (claims 2, 3, 5, 27-29, 35, 38-40 having been withdrawn as drawn to non-elected subject matter). In the subsequent, above-referenced Examiner's Amendment, claims 3, 5, 8, 39, and 40 were cancelled and claims 2, 27-29, 35 and 37 were rejoined. Thus, it appears that claims 4, 32, 33, 34, and 36 which were not cancelled and claims 2, 27, 28, 29, and 37 which were rejoined by Examiner's Amendment are allowed. However, claims 27 and 36 were not acknowledged as allowed on the Notice of Allowability. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the record be amended to reflect the allowance of claims 27 and 36.

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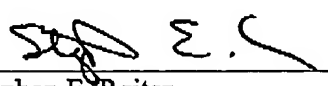
As a separate issue, Applicants note that the Form 1449 (containing 7 pages) from parent case Serial No. 09/227,718 (submitted in the present case on August 19, 2002 in conjunction with the Information Disclosure Statement for this case) has not been acknowledged by the Examiner. The Information Disclosure Statement for the present case, submitted on August 19, 2002, referenced the parent application (Serial No. 09/458,366) and the two applications from which the parent application claimed priority (Serial No. 09/227,718 and Serial No. 09/005,286). Attached thereto were the 1449s from the IDS submitted in the '286 application, the '718 application, and the Supplemental IDS submitted in the '286 case. All of these documents were stamped as received by the Patent Office on August 27, 2002. The 1449s from the IDS and Supplemental IDS from the '286 application were initialed by the Examiner as having been considered and returned to Applicants as an attachment to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005. However, the Form 1449 from the '718 application was not included. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that a signed copy of the Form 1449 from the '718 application be issued.

### Conclusion

In the event any matters remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned so that this application can proceed to issue without delay.

Respectfully submitted,

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